
Draft Minutes of Llangors Community Council Bi Monthly Meeting
Held Remotely on Tuesday 8th March 2022, 7.00pm

Members present by video link: Cllr Mr S Bailey (Chair), Cllr Mrs L Griffin, Cllr Mr M Scruby, Cllr Mr C Preece, Cllr Mr R East, Cllr Mr T Evans, Cllr Ven. A Jevons, Cllr Mr D Jones, Cllr Mrs C Owen (part of the meeting)

In attendance by video link: Judith Phillips (Clerk)

Absent: Cllr Mr D James

1. Apologies for absence: None

2. Declarations of Interest for agenda items as per Members' Code of Conduct:

Prior to the meeting Cllr Preece, Cllr Owen, Cllr Jevons and Cllr Scruby had declared an interest in item 12b. Cllr Preece and Cllr East declared an interest in item 13a.

3. PCSO Lee Garrett – update on policing in the community

PCSO Lee joined the meeting and gave a brief update. Whilst there had been a very low number of issues recently, there are concerns about a continued rise in fraudulent scams and an expected increase in theft of heating oil due to global price increases. PCSO Billy Dunne is temporarily assigned to policing duties in another area, so PCSO Lee is the main contact for the time being. The procedure for Community Speed Watch applications was discussed.

PCSO Lee left the meeting at 7.13 after being thanked for his attendance.

4. Questions on agenda items from members of the public: None

5. Minutes of bi monthly meeting on 11/1/22 and Planning meeting 8/2/22

The bi monthly minutes were read and signed as a true and accurate record. Proposed by Cllr Griffin and seconded by Cllr Scruby.

Planning minutes were read and signed as a true and accurate record. Proposed by Cllr Jones and seconded by Cllr Griffin.

6. Matters arising from above minutes not listed on the agenda

Glebe maintenance – this still to be arranged by Cllr Scruby prior to Easter.

7. Coronavirus Covid-19 pandemic update

Cases of the virus remain reasonably high locally, however most restrictions have been removed. It was agreed that signs at St Paulinus Churchyard and the Glebe Community Field be removed.

8. Invasive species community group talk hosted by NRW and BBNPA 14/3/22 6.30pm.

NRW had postponed the event until 28th March at 6pm at Llangors Youth & Community Centre followed by a site visit to the Llangors Lake weather permitting. The clerk was liaising with NRW and BBNPA on the matter and posters should be available from NRW to advertise the event soon. It was agreed to ask for the event to be advertised on the local Facebook page. The clerk agreed to serve tea and biscuits at the event.

9. Update on outstanding highway matters and streetlighting

Llanfihangel Talyllyn parking review plan and the double yellow line extension in Llangors remained to be followed up by the Clerk.

Llanfihangel Talyllyn streetlight works had been completed, except the light in the bus shelter. Cllr Jones had met with the PCC officer on site and agreed the works to be done.

Road closure notices – the clerk had exchanged emails with PCC street works officers regarding these notices and provided an example of a road closure that had appeared not to have been applied for. Unfortunately, it seems that not much can be done to reduce the length of time of planned closures, however PCC were now aware of concerns raised.

The list of ongoing outstanding highway matters was discussed. Much work has been done clearing ditches and highway patching, however an update from PCC had not been received.

It was agreed to ask PCC if there is a surface dressing programme in place for the area. Clerk to follow up all matters.

10. Bi monthly planning report

Llangors Community Council supported:

PCC 22/0093/HH 21/1/22

Upgrading of rear single storey flat roof extension with a rear single storey mono-pitched roof extension at Tanybryn, 3 Rockfield Terrace, Talyllyn.

Applications withdrawn

BBNPA 21/19995/CPE 7/2/22

Use of land as caravan and camping site, including construction of access road and permanent hardstanding pitches for stationing caravans all year round at Llyfni Holiday Park, Llangors

Applications Granted by BBNPA/PCC

BBNPA 21/20529/CON 14/2/22

Amendment to plans approved under Condition 2 of 17/15037/FUL: a) Development is marginally bigger than the approved plan; b) Sun Lounge roof windows reduced from 3no. to 2no.; c) Inclusion of a rear door to the garage; d) Finish to be rendered instead of timber clad at Tycanol, Llangorse

This application was discussed as it had become obvious that the development contravened the application granted. The garage constructed is clearly not a garage as the entrance has a sill too high for a garage door and looks very much the size of a patio door. This was observed prior to the planning consent being granted for a garage. The matter had been raised with the BBNPA who had responded, indicating that for an investigation to occur the CC needed to submit an enforcement complaint form. This point was discussed in depth. The CC as statutory consultees had responded to the application consultation, the content of which it was felt had not been adequately considered. It was felt that as consultees it should be able to advise the BBNPA of any contravention to plans during construction as opposed to lodging a formal enforcement complaint.

As the CC wished to work with the BBNPA and not lodge formal complaints, it was agreed in the first instance to write to the head of planning with concerns about the process and this application. If satisfactory enforcement action does not follow then the CC will have no option but to lodge an enforcement complaint. Clerk to write to BBNPA and keep members updated.

Planning Correspondence: -

1. BBNPA Weekly planning lists
2. PCC Planning decision reports
3. Planning Aid Wales updates
4. PCC Riverine SACs and Phosphorous Update Feb 2022
5. Email from OVW area committee indicating T&CCs do not appear to be legal, public or third sector consultees to Powys LDP process. Instead, One Voice Wales are consultees. This matter was noted with much concern and Cllr Bailey was requested to raise the matter at the next T&CC meeting with PCC.

11. Annual review of website to include accessibility statement and analytics report on use of site

The accessibility statement had been reviewed and circulated prior to the meeting and was agreed unanimously. The analytics report had been circulated and was briefly reported on by the clerk.

12. Update from representatives:**a) Llangors Community Fibre Broadband Team – Cllr Bailey & Cllr Preece**

Meetings with Beacons Telecom continue on a monthly basis where known issues are reported and discussed as necessary. Most problems appear to be getting resolved, any outstanding matters to continue to be reported.

b) Siop Llangors Shop – Cllr Owen

It was noted that since the last meeting, the committee, via Cllr Preece, had requested permission to place a temporary advertising banner on Llangors triangle. This had been agreed by the CC as the shop is a Community Interest Company. Some members had declared an interest in the matter.

In Cllr Owen's absence, it was reported by Cllr East that newspapers were now available and that whilst business had been quiet it was picking up and it was expected to be busy through the forthcoming months, when opening hours may be extended. The official opening planned for March was postponed with a new date to be set.

13. Financial Matters; a) Bi monthly finance report. The report as attached to these minutes was agreed. A pay increase for the Clerk in line with NALC guidelines SCP 20 was agreed from 1st April 2022. Applications for financial assistance received over the last year from organisations outside of the community were considered. With no requests for funding from the CC area, it was agreed to split the £475 left in the budget and donate it to Noah's Ark Children's Hospital Charity and Ronald McDonald House Charities, both of which continue to provide care and support to members of the community.

b) Agree Internal Audit Plan – this had been circulated prior to the meeting and was unanimously agreed.

Cllr Owen joined the meeting.

c) Annual review of policies; Asset Register, Financial & Management Risk Assessment Schedule, Financial Regulations, Grants policy

It was confirmed that all assets continued to be inspected on a regular basis by the appointed Councillors. A storm damaged branch at St. Paulinus churchyard was awaiting removal as agreed by councillors and a bench in Llangors was to be further assessed for repair or renewal.

All policies had been circulated prior to the meeting and with no issues raised were unanimously agreed.

14. Annual Review of Policies; Standing Orders, Freedom of Information, Welsh Language, Social Media, Public complaints, Member complaints, Press & Media, Email address protocol, Section 6 Biodiversity report, Equality & Diversity policy.

All policies had been circulated prior to the meeting and with no issues raised were unanimously agreed.

15. Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales (IRPW) report – discuss and agree relevant sections

The report mandates certain determinations on the CC and it is discretionary whether others are adopted when considered. All determinations were considered as set out.

Determination 43 was adopted: *All relevant authorities must provide a payment towards necessary costs for the care of dependent children and adults (provided by informal or formal carers) and for personal assistance needs as follows:*

- *Formal (registered with Care Inspectorate Wales) care costs to be paid as evidenced.*
- *Informal (unregistered) care costs to be paid up to a maximum rate equivalent to the Real Living Wage hourly rates as defined by the Living Wage Foundation at the time the costs are incurred.*

This must be for the additional costs incurred by members to enable them to carry out official business or approved duties. Each authority must ensure that any payments made are appropriately linked to official business or approved duty. Payment shall only be made on production of receipts from the care provider.

Determination 44 was adopted: *Community and town councils must make available a payment to each of their members of £150 per year as a contribution to costs and expenses.*

Determination 45 was adopted subject to the CC's policy specifying what senior role responsibilities mean: *The payment for members undertaking a senior role is an annual amount of £500 as set out in Table 11.*

Determination 46 was adopted: *Community and town councils can make payments to each of their members in respect of travel costs for attending approved duties. Such payments must be the actual costs of travel by public transport or the HMRC mileage allowances as below:*

45p per mile up to 10,000 miles in the year.

25p per mile over 10,000 miles.

5p per mile per passenger carried on authority business.

24p per mile for private motor cycles.

20p per mile for bicycles.

Determination 47 was adopted: *If a community or town council resolves that a particular duty requires an overnight stay, it can authorise reimbursement of subsistence expenses to its members at the maximum rates set out below on the basis of receipted claims:*

£28 per 24-hour period allowance for meals, including breakfast where not provided

£200 – London overnight

£95 – elsewhere overnight

£30 – staying with friends and/or family overnight

Determination 48 not adopted: *Community and town councils can pay financial loss compensation to each of their members, where such loss has occurred, for attending approved duties as follows:*

Up to £57.20 for each period not exceeding 4 hours

Up to £114.40 for each period exceeding 4 hours but not exceeding 24 hours

Determination 49 not adopted: *Each council can decide to introduce an attendance allowance for members. The amount of each payment must not exceed £30. A member in receipt of financial loss compensation will not be entitled to claim attendance allowance for the same event.*

Determination 50 not adopted: *Community and town councils can provide a payment to the mayor or chair of the council up to a maximum of £1,500. This is in addition to the £150 payment for costs and expenses and the £500 senior salary if these are claimed*

Determination 51 not adopted: *Community and town councils can provide a payment to the deputy mayor or deputy chair of the council up to a maximum of £500. This is in addition to the £150 payment for costs and expenses and the £500 senior salary if these are claimed.*

Determination 52 noted and adopted as set out: *The application of the Remuneration Framework by relevant Group in Table 11.*

Determination 53 noted and adopted: Members in receipt of a Band 1 or Band 2 senior salary from a principal council (that is Leader, Deputy Leader or Executive Member) cannot receive any payment from any community or town Council, other than travel and subsistence expenses and contribution towards costs of care and personal assistance.

The community council policy regarding the process for these payments to be updated by the Clerk for approval at the next bi monthly meeting.

16. Local Government election May 2022 process – Clerk

The Clerk ran through the election process for community councils and answered some queries. For the first time nominations can be done online, subscribers are no longer required and membership of any political party in the last twelve months must be declared. A notice of election will be served on 14/3/22 and nominations can be done from 15/3/22 until 4pm on 5/4/22. The current members of the CC retire from office at midnight on 8th May. The new term commences on 9th May. The AGM of the CC will be on 10th May at 7pm in person, when all elected councillors for the new electoral term will need to be present to take their declaration of acceptance of office. Information had been put on the CC website, noticeboards will be updated, the notice will go out on the village Facebook page and details will be put in the Grapevine if one is published.

17. Dog fouling Campaign 2022

Following the successful campaign last year, it was felt that at the current time issues surrounding dog mess were reasonably low. It was agreed to monitor the situation and if required action would be taken to chalk spray messages on the highway in the community again this year.

It was noted that the public waste bin in Llanfihangel Talylyn is being filled with domestic waste preventing dog owners being able to put dog waste bags in it. Clerk to be report the issue to PCC.

18. Local plans in the event of Operation London Bridge – Cllr Jevons and Clerk

Following guidance issued by One Voice Wales last year, Cllr Jevons and the Clerk had put together a plan of action to be taken for the community at the time. This was agreed, including the expenditure to purchase a book of condolences. Clerk to action.

19. General correspondence received report

Powys County Council

1. Dates for T&CC meetings and agenda 1/2/22 - Cllr Bailey reported that the meeting had discussed digitization.
2. Covid Testing updates
3. Road closure notices
4. Queens Diamond Jubilee request for list of events. These are still being planned around the community. It is likely that events will be held in Pennorth, Llanfihangel Talylyn and Llangors on different days over the bank holiday period.

Brecon Beacons National Park Authority

1. Meeting agenda for various committees

Welsh Government

1. Business Advice updates, consultation notifications & rural news updates

Other

1. OVW updates
2. PAVO updates including renewal of membership – it was agreed to renew the membership
3. Play Wales updates and booklet
4. Wales and Powys CHC & PTHB updates
5. Focus Newtown Enterprise Hub events
6. Boundary Commission Hearings events
7. Calon Hearts grant funding information
8. Dolau School closure campaign information
9. Letter from James Evans MS – contact details etc.
10. MWFRS – New deputy fire officer
11. Social Farms and gardens national allotment development team information
12. OPCC conference invitation
13. Powys Dyslexia update
14. Resident request and poster re Brecon & Radnor Community Assembly online event 20/2/22. Cllr Scruby attended the interesting event which was based on biodiversity issues and the climate crisis and details that had fed into the recent United Nations COP26 event.

20. Reports from Councillors

It was noted that the clerk had granted permission for Western Power to urgently replace a pole in St. Paulinus churchyard on 4/3/22. This had been done satisfactorily.

It was noted that the crocus bulbs were flowering on Llangors triangle and that grass cutting at the site by the contractor needed to be put on hold. Cllr Scruby is to check if the perennial plants need any attention.

It was noted that Llangors Youth & Community Centre were hosting a special Coffee Morning on 10/3/22 to raise funds for the escalating humanitarian crisis in Ukraine.

It was noted that PCC were currently consulting on school catchment areas, although the CC had not been notified of the matter. It was confirmed that no residents had raised the matter with the CC so no action was required.

Cllr Scruby confirmed he would be attending a LLAG meeting on 14/3/22 and would update the CC on matters in due course.

Cllr Bailey confirmed he had been contacted by the new headteacher at Llangors primary school, Harriet Wadsworth, and had informally met with her on 7/3/22. This approach from the school was welcomed by the CC. It was reported that there were some changes to the membership of the school governing body and the appointment of a CC representative to the governing body was encouraged. Cllr Bailey did not wish to take up that role, but had agreed he would meet with the headteacher on a monthly basis to share views. It was agreed that the CC vice chair also attends the next meeting and that the detail of meetings are reported back to Councillors. Public use of the playing field had been discussed and at the current time there was no intention to undo any decisions made by the school governing body in the past. The CC representative on the school governing body will be considered at the CC AGM in May.

21. Confirm date, time and venue of the AGM and next bi monthly meeting, 10/5/22, 7pm and 7.30pm respectively.

It was agreed the May meetings would be in person, but socially distanced. Llangors main hall to be booked.

It was also agreed to hold an Annual Public meeting on 17/5/22 and all charities and voluntary organisations in the community would be invited to attend. The aim being to touch base with how they have coped with two years of the pandemic and what their plans are for learning to function

with Covid-19. Llangors Hall was agreed to be venue. All councillors to liaise with the clerk to plan the event.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.43pm.

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